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2006 Broken Arrow RELAY FOR LIFE

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BA RELAY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE HOSTS KICK-OFF FOR 2006 EVENT

It's about being a community that takes up the fight, and for this year's Relay For Life kick-off event, the committee has invited everyone to come see what Relay is all about. This year's kick-off event will be held Thursday, February 16, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in downtown Broken Arrow on the corner of Main and College. The event gets started at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the 2006 Relay For Life kick-off, an event that officially welcomes all Team Captains and Survivors to "Relay season"! Evening festivities will include a chili supper, guest speakers, Relay information, and fun! Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

The 2006 Relay For Life Planning Committee officially began planning this year's event last October. The multi-faceted Relay For Life event will be held June 2-3 at the South Intermediate Track and Field located on 101st Street between Elm Place and Lynn Lane.

Opening Ceremony activities will commence at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening, and the event will run throughout the night with closing ceremonies scheduled at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Relay For Life starts at dusk and ends at the next day's morning. The light and darkness of the day and night parallel the physical effects, emotions and mental state of a cancer patient undergoing treatment.

"Last year's Relay For Life Committee successfully blasted their 2005 fundraising goal of \$120,000 out of the water," said Duane Blankenship, 2005 BA RFL Chairman. "We hit the ground running last year with a truly phenomenal, hardworking committee and netted more than \$131,000 for our efforts. This year's goal is \$170,000. We can do it with the help of the Broken Arrow Community."

For more information about Relay For Life or the kick-off event, please contact '06 Relay For Life Chairperson Janice Blankenship at 259-4390.